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EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1954

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1954.

The report is prepared as indicated in Ministry of Health Circular No. 28/54 dated 15th December, 1954.

The Crude Death Rate is 13.11, as compared with 14.08 for 1953.

The Standardised Death Rate is 10.09, as compared with 11.3 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a "comparability factor", making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 25.81 which compares with 42.73 for the previous year, and with 25.5 for England and Wales. (There were five deaths of infants under one year in 1953, and four in 1954.)

The Birth Rate is 13.11 compared with 10.29 in 1953.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 14.03 compared with 15.2 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths of children under the age of two years from Diarrhoea, Enteritis or from Maternal causes.

No deaths occurred from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

No case of Diphtheria was notified for the ninth successive year.

Food Poisoning.

One case was notified. The causal organism isolated was salmonella typhi-murium; the source was not traced.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The immunisation rate of all children in the district up to fifteen years of age is 92.47%; of the children attending school it is 98.57%.

Smallpox Vaccination.

During the year the numbers of vaccinations carried out at Clinics or reported by general practitioners were:—under 1 year—139, 1 to 4 years—13, 5 to 14 years—3, 15 years and over—10, making a total of 165.

The numbers of re-vaccinations were:—under 1 year—nil, 1 to 4 years—5, 5 to 14 years—15, 15 years and over—149, making a total of 169.

Food Hygiene.

It is pleasing to record that the food trade generally is trying to prevent the contamination of its fare.

Covered counters and refrigerated display cabinets improve in design and are being increasingly installed. Their intelligent use does much to protect food from contamination. Only a few are seen to contain canned and prepacked goods, displacing foods which really require protection.

The window display of uncovered cooked food continues. It is claimed that the customer is happy in the attractive display, ignoring the obvious contamination of exposed meat spread out in slices to germ-laden shop dust and the filth of flies. This is hard to believe.

The sensible housewife is aware of the danger to her family, and will avoid the purchase of food from a shop so careless of the health of its customers.

Given the opportunity, she will choose the shopkeeper who is seen to be clean in personal habits and prepared to exert himself in the interest of his customer.

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparison the figures for 1953 are shown in brackets)

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,597 acres.
Registrar General's Estimated Population	...	...	...	...	...	11,820	(11,310)
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	1.79	(1.72)
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£117,796	(£111,424)
Sum represented by 1d. rate	...	...	...	...	...	£470	(£437)
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	...	...	...	...	...	13.11	(10.29)
Standardised Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	...	14.03	(10.70)
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population	...	...	...	...	...	13.11	(14.08)
Standardised Death Rate	...	...	...	...	...	10.09	(11.40)
Infantile Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...	25.81	(42.74)
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	3,706	(3,502)

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	LIVE BIRTHS			Male	Female	Total
	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total			
Legitimate	77	71	148
Illegitimate	3	4	7
Total Live Births	80	75	155
Birth Rate per 1,000 Live Births	13.11	—	—	—
Comparability Factor	1.07	—	—	—
Standardised Birth Rate	14.03	—	—	—
STILL BIRTHS			Male			Total
Legitimate	—	1	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Total Still Births	—	1	1
Rate per 1,000 of the total Births	...	6.45	—	—	—	—

Deaths	Male	Female	Total
...	69	86	155
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	13.11	—	—
Comparability Factor	...	0.77	—
Standardised Death Rate	...	10.09	—

INFANTILE MORTALITY	Male	Female	Total
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	...	3	—
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	...	4	—
INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS	...	25.81	—

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1939-1954

YEAR	Estim- ated Popu- lation	Number of Births						Number of Deaths						Infant's Deaths			Natural increase of Births over Deaths	
		Legitimate			Illegitimate			M			F			M				
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total		
1939	10,100	66	56	122	2	7	9	13.49	65	68	133	13.19	2	4	6	45.8	— 2	
1940	10,810	73	51	124	3	1	4	11.84	57	80	137	12.67	2	5	7	54.59	— 9	
1941	12,750	89	72	161	8	9	17	13.85	60	85	145	11.37	2	2	4	28.1	33	
1942	10,720	74	81	155	5	7	12	15.58	54	73	127	11.8	2	3	5	29.94	40	
1943	10,280	87	79	166	7	13	20	18.09	62	108	170	16.5	2	2	4	21.5	16	
1944	9,648	68	81	149	15	14	29	18.44	73	74	147	15.23	2	3	5	28.09	31	
1945	9,910	57	65	122	11	4	15	13.82	68	78	146	14.73	4	3	7	51.09	— 9	
1946	10,580	88	94	182	7	5	12	18.34	59	56	115	10.87	6	2	8	41.24	79	
1947	10,740	106	103	209	4	7	11	20.48	50	63	113	10.52	1	1	2	9.09	107	
1948	10,840	69	84	153	7	4	11	15.13	53	62	115	10.61	—	3	3	18.29	49	
1949	11,000	74	83	157	3	3	6	14.82	78	92	170	15.45	1	2	3	18.41	— 7	
1950	11,060	78	81	159	6	5	11	15.37	68	59	127	11.84	2	1	3	17.65	43	
1951	11,170	76	59	135	2	7	9	12.88	63	86	149	13.34	2	2	4	27.78	— 5	
1952	11,310	63	59	122	2	3	5	11.23	65	67	132	11.67	3	—	3	23.62	— 5	
1953	11,360	72	41	113	1	3	4	10.29	58	102	160	14.08	3	2	5	42.74	— 43	
1954	11,820	77	71	148	3	4	7	13.11	69	86	155	13.11	4	—	4	25.81	—	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

					Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	—	1
Tuberculosis, Other	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	—	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	—	—
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	8	7
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	—	—
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	18	13
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	7	9
Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	1	4
Other Circulatory Disease	...	...	...	...	12	20
Influenza	...	...	...	...	5	12
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	—	—
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	2	4
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	1	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	9	3
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	1	—
Suicide	...	...	...	...	3	1
Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	...	...	—	1
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	69	86

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 1 year	...	4	—	4
1-4	...	—	—	—
5-14	...	1	—	1
15-24	...	1	—	1
25-34	...	1	—	1
35-44	...	1	1	2
45-54	...	2	3	5
55-64	...	—	2	2
65-74	...	5	7	12
75 and over	...	19	19	38
TOTALS	...	36	54	90
		69	86	155

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year 1954

DISEASE							Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	4	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	—	—
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	—	—
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	—

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Age Groups									
	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	1	2	9	3	3	—	—	—	18
Whooping Cough	5	6	18	28	1	—	1	—	—	59
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Measles	—	5	6	23	1	1	1	—	—	37
Acute Pneumonia	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
TOTALS	...	...	5	12	26	61	6	4	6	121

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1954

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6-15...	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
16-25	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
26-35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
36-45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
46-55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56-65	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
65 and over...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the Years 1939—1954

YEAR	NEW CASES				DEATHS					
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1939	1	1	1	3	6	—	—	1	—	1
1940	7	6	1	—	14	2	2	—	1	5
1941	2	2	1	1	6	1	2	—	—	3
1942	3	3	—	2	8	2	1	—	—	3
1943	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1
1944	5	3	1	2	11	—	—	—	—	—
1945	3	3	2	1	9	1	1	1	—	3
1946	3	2	3	1	9	—	—	—	1	1
1947	1	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
1948	3	2	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	3
1949	4	2	—	—	6	2	1	—	—	3
1950	6	5	—	—	11	5	—	1	—	6
1951	12	5	—	—	17	—	—	1	—	1
1952	6	2	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	2
1953	3	4	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	1
1954	3	3	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	1

IMMUNISATION

Summary of Immunisation in East Grinstead Urban District at 31st December, 1954

ALL CHILDREN, INCLUDING THOSE ATTENDING SCHOOL FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

On Register No. Immunised

Under 1 year	173	40	23.12%
1—4 years	594	558	93.93%
5—15 years	2007	1979	98.60%
0—15 years	2774	2577	92.9%

EAST GRINSTEAD CHILDREN ONLY

Under 1 year	173	40	23.12%
1—4 years	594	558	93.93%
5—15 years	1824	1798	98.57%
0—15 years	2591	2396	92.47%

CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

(1) Number of food premises in the area, by type of business :

Cafes ...	...	...	12	General Stores	...	...	24
Bakehouses ...	...	...	7	Public Houses	...	...	7
Hotels ...	...	...	4	Confectioners	...	...	19
Grocers ...	...	...	15	Greengrocers	...	...	15
Wine Merchants ...	...	...	4	Butchers	...	...	11
Corn Dealers ...	...	...	2	Chemists	...	...	6
Wayside Greengrocery Stores	2			Fish Shops	...	...	6
Clubs ...	...	...	5	Dairies	...	...	3
Milkshops ...	...	...	2				

(2) Number of food premises, by type, registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 :

Sale of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	45
Preparation of Sausages	...	...	...	...	...	10
Preparation of Potted Food	...	...	...	...	...	nil
Preparation of Pressed Food	...	...	...	...	...	nil
Preparation of Pickled Food	...	...	...	...	...	1
Preparation of Preserved Food, including Fried Fish						4
Dairies ...	...	...	...	...	...	3

(3) Number of inspections of registered food premises, 138.

LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (Telephone: Brighton 23506) are available to this Department and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The Laboratory is in a position to accept work such as the bacteriological and biological examination of milk, water, ice-cream, foods, and pathological specimens. Laboratory investigations of outbreaks of communicable disease, including the detection and elimination of carriers and other reservoirs of infection, are also carried out.

Containers may be obtained from the laboratory or from this Department and specimens may be sent to the laboratory *via* the Southdown Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. (except on Sundays; on Saturdays only one collection is made at 12.30 p.m.).

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, Council Offices, East Court before 1 p.m., and will be placed on a bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4.30 p.m. collection.

The laboratory is open to receive urgent specimens between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Sundays, and in cases of extreme urgency during non-working hours the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Dr. J. E. Jameson, may be telephoned at Brighton 56960.

The following prophylactics are held at the laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners.

Vaccine Lymph,

Adult serum for measles prophylaxis.

Other types of vaccines, anti-toxins and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the South Eastern Gas Board. A few houses on the northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The South Eastern Gas Board have deep wells at Hackenden, Placelands, and Forest Row, which, together with the Medway Intake at Forest Row, comprise the four sources of supply.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to de-chlorination, to give a free residual of 0.1.p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Water from each supply is subjected to laboratory examination monthly. Samples from each source are submitted to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene by the South Eastern Gas Board for chemical and bacteriological examination. Four samples per year, taken from various points on the main supply throughout the area, are submitted by the East Grinstead Urban and Uckfield Rural District Councils to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination.

The reports on all samples submitted during the year have indicated that the quality of the water supply to the area has been of a high standard both chemically and bacteriologically.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 3,558 dwelling houses have a piped water supply. Of these, 9 houses catering for 22 persons, are supplied by means of standpipes. It is estimated that 62 premises are supplied by piped estate supplies and private wells.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:—

(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	364
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	538
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932	274
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	300
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	19
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation...	55

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers

23

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:—	
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	Nil
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1)	Number of representations, etc., made in respect of Dwelling Houses unfit for habitation	5
(2)	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	2
(3)	Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	3
(4)	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from Owners, Section 11 (3):—	
(a)	To render the house fit for human habitation ...	1
(b)	As to usage other than for human habitation ...	4
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1)	Number of separate Tenements or Underground Rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	Nil
(2)	Number of separate Tenements or Underground Rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...	Nil
4.	Housing Act, 1935—Overcrowding.	
(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year (ii) Number of families dwelling therein	Nil —
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	—
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	Nil —
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for abatement of overcrowding	Nil
5.	Number of New Houses erected during the year 1954:—	
(a)	State aided:—	
	(i) By Local Authority...	57
	(ii) By private enterprise (Public Utility Societies, etc.) ...	—
(b)	Without State aid	162
	Total	219

THE HOUSING ACT, 1949, Part II (and Amending Legislation)

The technical operation of the improvement grants scheme of the Housing Acts has been delegated to this Department.

The Council has approved the following schemes:—

Buildings erected for other purposes to be converted into dwellings 2

Farm cottages brought to the defined standard 2

Three other proposals were before the Council at the end of the year as under:—

Owner/occupiers desiring to bring their houses to the defined standard 2

Owner/occupier desiring added room to provide adequate living space 1

The works carried out include:—

Provision of damp-proof courses	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " electric lighting	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " piped water inside the dwelling	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " hot water for domestic purposes	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " internal water closet	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " readily accessible water closet	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " bath in separate rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " bath in other rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " sink and suitable arrangements for disposal of waste water	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " proper drainage system	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" " adequate facilities for heating	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " satisfactory facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " proper storage of fuel	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows:

Number of Ambulances ... Two.

Ambulance Station ... Phillips Garage,
219b, London Road,
East Grinstead.

Telephone Number ... East Grinstead 488.

Area served ... East Grinstead,
Forest Row,
Hartfield,
West Hoathly.

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the county of East Sussex, who are unfit to travel either by public transport or by car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted direct from members of the public.

The ambulances are operated by the British Red Cross Society, by arrangement with the East Sussex County Council.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the above ambulances. After conveyance of infectious patients the ambulances are disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed, on calls from doctors, midwives, or hospitals, by the Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Area Transport Officer	...	Miss K. V. Byrne, 219, London Road, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 1318.
Area Served	...	East Grinstead Urban District, Uckfield Rural District, Cuckfield Rural District (Northern half).
Office hours	...	Mondays to Fridays inclusive :— 10 a.m., to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SANITARY SUPERVISION

Housing Inspections

Inspections made under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	440
Inspections made under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	98

Other Inspections

Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	11
Meatshops and Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	163
Fishshops	...	...	...	...	...	33
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	42
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	130
Ice-cream Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	33
Public Houses and Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	19
Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	254
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	...	65
Factory Acts (not included in other totals)	...	...	...	...	...	25
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	41
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	17
House Letting Sub-committee	...	...	...	...	...	18
Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	...	26
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inspections under Pest Destruction Acts	...	...	...	...	...	2,235
Civil Defence	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other Miscellaneous Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	23
Disinfestations, Wasps	...	...	...	...	...	176
Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	38

SUMMARY OF MAIN DEFECTS ABATED IN TERMS OF PREMISES

Drains amended and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Water-closets repaired, lighted and ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water-closets provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Urinals provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Eaves gutters and Downspouts renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Dampness <i>via</i> walls abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

House floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water supplies amended and provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
Disinfestations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Commercial kitchens cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Premises cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sinks or wash basins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 431 visits were made to food premises and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

TINNED FOODSTUFFS—

Meat	...	...	25 tins	Milk...	...	...	13 tins
Ham	...	...	4 tins	Soup	...	...	1 tin
Fruit	...	...	63 tins	Cream	...	...	1 tin
Fish	...	...	5 tins	Eggs	...	...	1 tin
Vegetables	...	...	22 tins	Macaroni Casserole	...	...	1 tin

OTHER FOODSTUFFS—

Meat	Beef	...	Forequarter				
			trimmings	...	Bruising	...	8 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
			Wing ribs	...	Sour...	...	51 lbs.
			Liver	...	Distomatosis	...	14 lbs.
Mutton	and	Loin and breast...	Mould	...			26 lbs.
Lamb			Acute Fasciolasis	...			6 lbs.
Pork	...	Shoulder	Lymphadenitis	...			5 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
		Heads	Tuberculosis	...			23 lbs.
		Heads and part					
		shoulders	Abscesses	...			20 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
		Fore-end	Bone-taint	...			14 lbs.
		Various	Oedema and				
			pneumonia	...			54 lbs.
Fish	...	Kippers	Decomposition	...			84 lbs.
Bacon	...	Fore-hock	Decomposition	...			8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Other :	Dried Milk	...	Musty	...			21 lbs.
	Cheese	...	Mould	...			172 lbs.
	Cheese trimmings	...	Mould	...			19 lbs.
	Cheese spread	...	Decomposition	...			3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
	Dried butter beans	...	Weevils	...			24 lbs.
	Savoury straws	...	Weevils	...			15 pkts.

MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designations were in force during the year ended 31st December, 1954.

<i>Special Designation</i>	<i>No. of Licences</i>
Pasteurised 4	
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) 5	
Tuberculin Tested 3	

No order has yet been made under the Food and Drugs (etc.) Act, 1950, declaring East Grinstead to be a "Specified Area," in which only designated milk shall be sold, but the distributors of milk in the district sell designated milk only.

CARCASES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	<i>Cattle ex Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number killed 1 nil 29 150 271					
Number inspected 1 nil 29 150 271					
All Diseases except Tuberculosis: Whole Carcass condemned nil nil nil nil nil					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned nil nil nil 2 nil					
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than T.B. nil nil nil 1.33 nil					
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned nil nil nil nil nil					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned nil nil nil nil 3					
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis nil nil nil nil 1.11					

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

During the year 148 inspections were made under the Factories Act, 1937. In no case was statutory action found necessary.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

PREMISES	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority ...	33	50	1	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	50	98	3	—
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	83	148	4	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases where prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or Defective ...	4	4	—	4	—
(c) Not separate for Sexes ...	1	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers)	1	1	—	1	—
TOTALS	11	10	—	6	—

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year 61 complaints were received. 2,235 visits under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, were made and 79 infestations treated.

Regular inspections have been made at the Durkins Road, Eden Vale, Blackwell Pond, Brambletye Entrance and Shovelstrode Lane refuse tips, housing estates and other Council properties.

Infestation of 18 premises was found as a result of systematic surveys made throughout the district.

A 10% test of sewers was completed in March to the satisfaction of the Inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

A nominal charge for rodent destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of treatment in accordance with the agreement between the Council and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that premises remain free from rats.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Trade refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned and charges at cost plus 15% are made.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at Shovelstrode. Before being covered newly-tipped refuse is treated with gammexane insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tip have been made to ascertain possible nuisance caused by rodents and flies.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead :—

	<i>CLINICS</i>	<i>DAYS AND TIMES</i>
Dental		
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN		
UNDER 5 YEARS	...	By appointment.
SCHOOL CHILDREN	...	By appointment.
Child Guidance	...	By appointment.
Orthopaedic	...	Monday and Thursday mornings by appointment.
DOCTORS' SESSIONS	...	By appointment.
Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination	...	2nd Thursday each month—2.15 p.m.
Schick-Test	...	4th and 5th Thursdays each month—2.15 p.m.
Ante Natal		
DISTRICT NURSES	...	1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays—2.15 p.m.
CUCKFIELD HOSPITAL PATIENTS	...	3rd Wednesday each month—2.15 p.m.
Infant Welfare	...	Every Monday (except 5th Monday in the month)—2 to 4 p.m.
DOCTORS' SESSIONS	...	2nd and 3rd Mondays—2 to 4 p.m.
Speech Therapy	...	Every Tuesday—By appointment.
The following Clinic is held at St. Dunstan's Hall, Maypole Road, Ashurst Wood :—		
Infant Welfare		
WEIGHING SESSION ONLY	...	4th Tuesday each month—Afternoons.
Chest Clinic	...	At Queen Victoria Hospital Every Thursday—2 p.m.

